Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee Fall 2021 Newsletter

THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKE OUT

Being prepared is the best way to improve safety in the event of an earthquake. Join GCCCD on **October 21th, 2021 at 10:21 a.m.** to take part in the <u>Great</u> <u>ShakeOut Drill</u> - the world's largest earthquake drill. The campus community is encouraged to participate by practicing **DROP**, **COVER** and **HOLD ON** to something sturdy for 30 seconds to 1 minute. GCCCD will also be completing our <u>annual emergency text and email notification system test</u> and all registered users should expect a message on the day of the drill.



Changes to Campus Safety Technology

As part of the District's commitment to safety, several projects are coming up that will suppo a safe and welcoming environment for our students and staff. Beginning August 2021 we will be removing the out-of-order blue emergency phone towers throughout each campus. The emergency phones have minimal use but would be of significant cost and disruption to the campuses for replacement. In their place, bilingual emergency signage such as the sign to the left will be installed. The emergency phones located inside all campus elevators will be replaced due to their age for better functionality.

Safe Return to Campus- Employee Vaccination Information

Employees that have been vaccinated may upload their information in the WorkDay <u>Employee Vaccine Documentation Upload Link</u>.

Exemptions - Any employee needing to request a medical or religious exemption from the vaccination can find the exemption forms <u>here</u>.

Parking Permits

Parking permits are not required for students only through Dec 2021. Students & visitors, can park in any open white stall. Staff can pick up their permits at either CAPS campus. Parking restrictions include, but are not limited to, parking in a fire lane, staff parking, disabled placard misuse, and timed spaces. These areas will still be enforced and cited accordingly. For more information please visit our website here.



There are now two options for reporting safety issues or concerns:

1) Email District.Safety@gcccd.edu

2) Complete <u>Safety Hazard Reporting Form</u> (anonymous).

The form is available to the campus community to report safety issues or concerns with the goal of responding to safety issues and concerns in a timely fashion.



National Preparedness Month is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the year. As our nation continues to respond to COVID-19, there is no better time to be involved than this September. The theme of 2021 is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."

Council Members

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